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Timely Tidbits ...

St. Aloysius Fair

The annual St. Aloysius Festival will be held at St. Aloysius Catholic Church (located at 11280 Ozga Road, Romulus) the weekend of August 22–24. Watch for details about all the fun in our next issue!

"Golf for Kids" Benefit

The Romulus chapter of the Boys & Girls Clubs of Southeastern Michigan is hosting its first annual "Golf for Kids" fund-raiser on Saturday, September 20, at Shady Hollow Golf Course, located at 34777 Smith Road in Romulus.

A cost of \$65 per person includes golf (2 p.m. shotgun start), cart, refreshments at the turn, food and beverage tickets for the Romulus Pumpkin Festival, and prizes.

Deadline for registration is Friday, September 12. For more information, call 734-941-5839.

Parade of Lights

The Romulus Rotary Club is inviting local businesses and civic/school/youth groups to take part in the annual Romulus Parade of Lights, which will begin at 8 p.m. on Friday, September 19.

Parade applications may be downloaded from the club's Web site (www.romulusrotary.org), or requested by mail (P.O. Box 74485, Romulus, MI 48174-0485) or telephone (734-941-5245).

Deadline for registration is Monday, September 1.

Women's Chorus Seeks New Members

County Connection Chorus, a women's *a capella* group affiliated with Sweet Adelines, meets each Tuesday at 7 p.m. at UAW Local #898 (8975 Textile Road, Ypsilanti). Women interested in receiving free vocal lessons are encouraged to attend. The chorus specializes in four-part barbershop harmony with a repertoire that includes Broadway classics, pop, gospel, and barbershop standards.

For further information, visit www.sweetadelines.org or call 734-480-8843. □

Wayne County Fair Set for August 11–16

The 57th Annual Wayne County Fair will run from Monday, August 11, through Saturday, August 16, at the County Fairgrounds, located off of I-94 at Exit 190 (Belleville Road).

Fair Association co-director Karen Slebodnick – who calls the event "the area's best-kept secret" because it's missed by so many people who confuse it with the Michigan State Fair – promises that those who attend will enjoy clean, wholesome, family-oriented fun.

Besides the special events listed below, the fair will feature plenty of live entertainment, contests, exhibits, and food. In addition, the Jules and Beck Amusements carnival – featuring 23 major state-certified rides, loads of games, and other attractions – will be open from 4 p.m. to close on Tuesday, and from noon to close Wednesday through Saturday.

A partial schedule of events follows.

MONDAY, AUGUST 11

- Poultry Show (9 a.m.)
- Swine Show (10:30 a.m.)
- Horse Show (1 p.m.)
- Sheep Show (6 p.m.)

TUESDAY, AUGUST 12

- Horse Show (9 a.m.)
- Talent Show – Ages 14 & Under (5 p.m.)
- Goat Show (6 p.m.)



The "Super Kicker Rodeo" is set for Wednesday, August 13, at 7 p.m.

- Teen Dance w/DJ (7 to 11 p.m.)
- Main Track Event: "Tough Trucks" (7:30 p.m.)

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 13

- Rabbit Show (9 a.m.)
- Horse Show (10 a.m.)

- Talent Show – Ages 15 to 19 (5 p.m.)
- Dairy Show (6 p.m.)
- Beef Show (7 p.m.)
- Main Track Event: "Super Kicker Rodeo" (7 p.m.)

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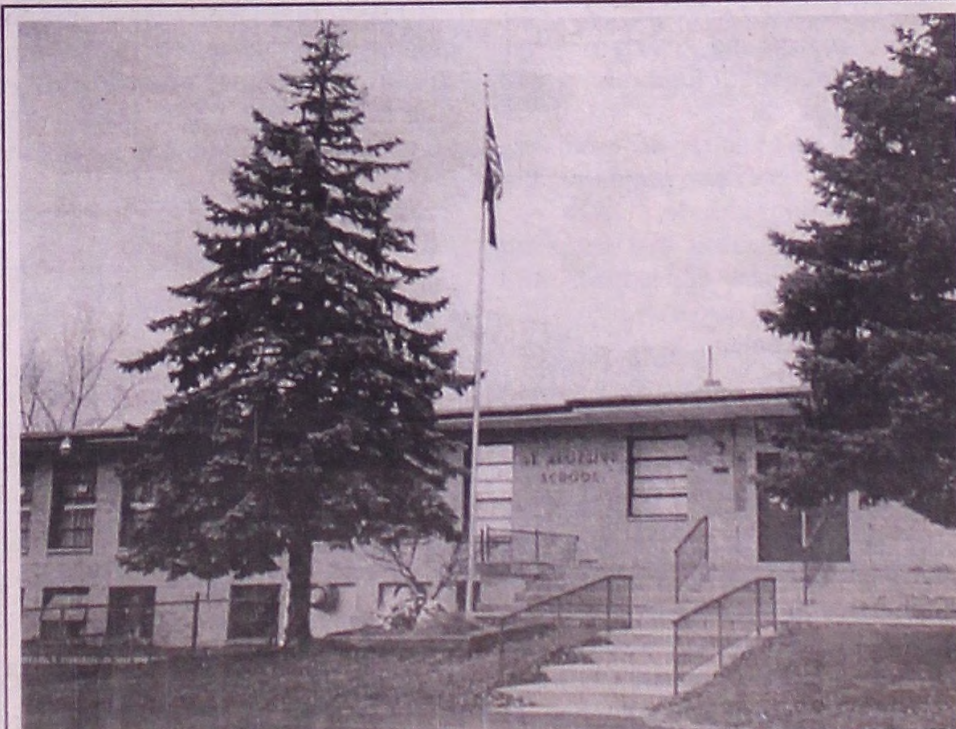
School Celebrates Golden Anniversary

St. Aloysius Catholic School will celebrate its fiftieth anniversary this school year. It has been in existence almost as long as the parish itself.

Only four years after the first mass was said at St. Aloysius Church, its pastor, Father John Krause, started a one-room school in the church auditorium. The doors to the school opened on September 6, 1953. Mrs. J. Joannette, the lone teacher, taught all the children in grades one through four. The parish immediately recognized that it needed more space for the students, so it arranged to purchase two wooden school buildings from Romulus Township. The schools were up and operational just five months later, in February, 1954.

By September of 1954, the refurbished school buildings housed grades one through six. A second teacher, Ms. Rosemary Aleksandrowski, joined the staff. During that same year, the church

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St. Aloysius Catholic School is celebrating its 50th anniversary.

St. Aloysius Catholic School Celebrates 50 Years of Educating Romulus Children

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purchased a house and moved it on site to be used as the future convent for religious school staff. In August, 1955, Sister M. Ida, Sister M. Teresita, and Sister M. Hyacinthe (who was appointed as the school's first principal) arrived at St. Aloysius. The sisters added a kindergarten and a seventh-grade classroom that year.

With the addition of these two grade levels, the church was forced to set up classrooms in the church and convent basements for the younger grades, so the church made a commitment to build a school at 37200 Neville Road. The ground-breaking for the new building, which still stands today, was held on October 30, 1955. Construction was completed by May of the following year.

A Parents' Guild was organized in 1961 and, within three years, the group had raised enough money to open a school library. The Gregorian Club of St. Aloysius – the original fund-raising arm of the church – raised over \$270,000 to support the school over the 15-year period from 1961 to 1976, and a portion of the proceeds from the annual parish festival have helped maintain and improve the building for nearly 50 years.

The Ushers Club has been another great supporter of the school. In 1976, it undertook the renovation of the school and relocation of the school library to its spot. This past year, the club purchased a new series of math textbooks for grades kindergarten through eight, and is currently in the process of updating the student lunchroom.

Today, St. Aloysius is a fully accredited school for students in grades K–8. The school's staff, which has grown to 14, includes one part-time certified and six full-time teachers, a principal, an administrative assistant, speech and learning consultants, a reading tutor, a nurse, and a volunteer librarian. Many parents volunteer their help in the school cafeteria, playground, and classrooms, and also coordinate fund-raisers and social events.

In addition to its regular academic and religious education programs, the school's offerings include:

- technology classes that focus on Microsoft Office applications and Internet-based research,
- physical education,
- art,
- speech therapy,
- library,
- tutoring, and
- after-school clubs, including Boy Scout and Girl Scout troops.

Each year, open house programs are held in September and again in January, during Catholic Schools Week. Special activities open to students include the annual Christmas pageant, the annual school science fair (for students in the upper grades), and the annual Olympic



For 50 years, St. Aloysius Catholic School has been educating local youngsters like this group from 1980.

Bowl at Gabriel Richard High School (for seventh- and eighth-graders).

The school library is continuously updated with books purchased through the Parents' Club and generous donations from families and organizations. The Parents Club's support also sent the school sailing into the 21st century with a state-of-the-art computer lab featuring Gateway PCs and high-speed cable modems.

Recent field-trip destinations have included the Detroit Institute of Arts, the Toledo Zoo, COSI Museum, and Mount Brighton. Students have also attended Detroit Tigers baseball games and plays at various area theaters, and have enjoyed outings for bowling, ice-skating, and roller-skating, among other activities. The school year always ends with Field Day, which is hosted by the Parents' Club, and a picnic with swimming at Willow Park.

Many of the middle-school students participate in St. Aloysius's Youth Group, which invites young teens to explore their faith through friendship, fun, and trust. The youth group has traveled to

West Virginia, Ohio, and all over Michigan, chasing down dozens of adventures and service projects.

Community service is also part of the St. Aloysius experience. Last year, students participated in projects such as gathering canned goods for the Helping Hand of Romulus, participating in the St. Jude Children's Hospital "Math-a-thon," and sending care packages to

poor children around the world at Christmastime.

St. Aloysius Catholic School opens its doors to students of all religious denominations. Registrations for the 2003–2004 school year are currently being accepted. For more information, contact the school's principal, Mary Confer, at 734-941-3340, or visit the school's Web-site: www.romuluscatholic.com. □

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Romulus Resident Kevin Zajac Earns Eagle Scout Promotion

On June 25, 2003, Kevin Steven Zajac was bestowed the rank of Eagle Scout - the highest rank afforded a youth in the Boy Scouts of America - after successfully completing the organization's Board of Review process.

Among the requirements that had to be met by the 16-year-old resident of Romulus, Michigan, in order to earn his Eagle Scout promotion was the completion of a community-service project. Zajac chose to help the First Step Women's and Children's Shelter by collecting personal-care items needed for the shelter's residents.

Thanks to the generosity of the Romulus community, Zajac's project was enormously successful. On May 30, 2003, more than 1,000 personal-care/toiletry items were delivered to First Step as a result of his efforts.

Zajac has just completed his junior year at Romulus High School, where he is very active in the school's band pro-



Kevin Zajac

gram. The son of John and Donna Zajac has been involved in Boy Scouting since he was in the second grade. □

Grand Opening Celebrates New Ownership at Romulus Pizzeria

Sal Ayoub and Waad Nakad, new owners of Romulus Pizzeria, officially opened their doors to the public on Wednesday, July 16, during a grand-opening ribbon-cutting ceremony presided over by Romulus Mayor Alan R. Lambert.

A delicious sampling of the restaurant's widely varied menu items was

shared by those who attended the special event.

Besides traditional pizzeria fare, Ayoub and Nakad serve everything from salads to sandwiches, chicken (broasted or fried) to seafood.

For more information about Romulus Pizzeria - located at 35427 Goddard Road - please call 734-941-4400. □



Taking part in the ribbon-cutting ceremony at Romulus Pizzeria's grand opening were Mayor Alan R. Lambert (third from left), owners Sal Ayoub (fourth from left) and Waad Nakad (second from left), Officer Tom Ellis (right) of the Romulus Police Department, Nicole Kizer (left), and Ashley Stockdale.



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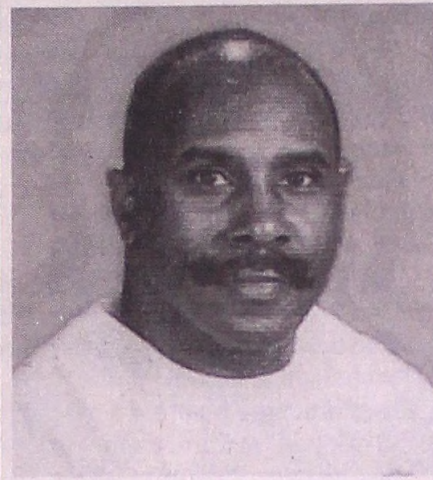


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District To Honor 4 Retirees



Lawrence Thomas



Eleonore Wilmott

During its regular meeting on Monday, August 11, the Romulus Community Schools Board of Education will recognize four recent retirees with resolutions of commendation. The four honorees are Lawrence Thomas, a physical-education teacher at Romulus Middle School; Eleonore Wilmott, a Romulus High School secretary; Antoinette Brothers, a paraprofessional at Merriman Elementary; and Carolyn Jesko, a Barth Elementary paraprofessional.

Lawrence Thomas

Thomas, a Romulus High School alumnus, still holds the school's record for the 100-yard dash. He achieved wide recognition as a coach for the district's football, softball, and track programs. Thomas was praised, in particular, for his expert leadership of Romulus Middle School's track team, which achieved numerous undefeated/league-championship seasons under his skilled guidance. He was also commended for being "an excellent role model for Romulus students" and for his "high expectations that consistently inspired students to their best performance."

Thomas was lauded as a consummate team player for his contributions to other extracurricular programs, as well. He has given freely of his time, for instance, to work on the electives team, to devise special physical-education opportunities for his students, and to choreograph student dances.

A true hometown hero, Thomas returned to his community to put his heart and soul into both his teaching and his coaching.

Eleonore Wilmott

Over the years, Eleonore Wilmott has done secretarial work at the district's administrative office, the Adult/Community Education office, Barth Elementary School, and Romulus High School. During her career with the district, she was frequently commended for her "pleasant, patient, and tactful skills with students and parents" as well as her "organizational competence and excellence in every aspect of her job." She was also praised for her frequent after-school and weekend volunteer work.

Of special note was Wilmott's oversight of Romulus High School's "Student of the Month" program, which has awarded a total of more than \$245,000 to RHS students. Her outstanding organizational skills also brought a good deal of praise and honor to the school and community at the school's annual commencement ceremonies.

Antoinette Brothers

Antoinette Brothers has worked for the Romulus Community Schools in a variety of positions, including RHS technical aide and Adult Education teacher as well as paraprofessional at both the Beacon Day Treatment Center and Merriman Elementary School. She was commended by administrators for her "unwavering energy and great effort in all school programs" and for her "expertise that allowed students to successfully complete the complex RESA [Regional Education Services Agency] 'Cooperative Ropes' course."

Brothers was also recognized for daily group counseling sessions that enriched the educational opportunities of her special-needs students. She was praised for "developing positive attitudes, improved work skills, and successful job placements for her students." Brothers additionally distinguished herself and the Romulus Community Schools with an outstanding statewide conference presentation about the roles and responsibilities of paraprofessionals.

Carolyn Jesko

Carolyn Jesko, a paraprofessional at both Merriman and Barth schools, also worked in the Head Start program when it was administered by the district. During Jesko's time at Head Start, she served as a child-care provider, teacher's aide, paraprofessional, and lead teacher.

Jesko was commended for her "keen awareness of what children need to be successful"; for her "love of children"; and for her "commitment to their welfare." She was also recognized for her extra participation in the Summer MEAP (Michigan Education Assessment Program) Academy, a compensatory education seminar, and the REACH computer program workshops. □

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- Horse Show (9 a.m.)
- Archery Competition (10 a.m.)
- Talent Show -- Adult Division (5 p.m.)
- 4-H Livestock Auction (6:30 p.m.)
- Main Track Event: "4x4 Truck Pull" (7 p.m.)

FRIDAY, AUGUST 15

- Horse Show (9 a.m.)
- Pocket Pet Show (4 p.m.)
- Talent Show -- Open Division (5 p.m.)
- Main Track Event: "Demolition Derby" (6 p.m.)

SATURDAY, AUGUST 16

- Horse Show (9 a.m.)
- Pet Show (1 p.m.)

- "Scooter Trash" Freestyle Motorcycle Stunt Team (5 shows; first at 1 p.m.)
- Talent Showcase of Week's Winners (2 p.m.)
- "Blue Thunder" Truck Rides (7 p.m.)
- Main Track Event: "Monster Truck Racing" (7 p.m.)

(all schedules subject to change)

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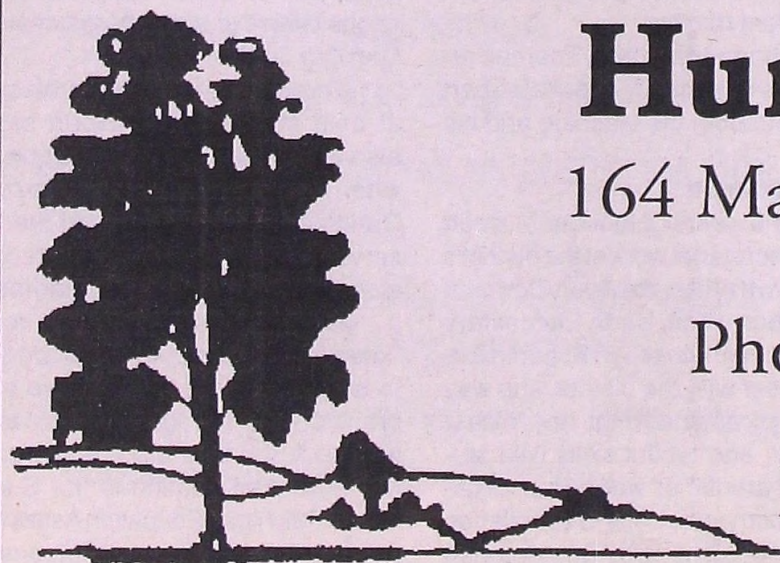
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Around the District



Romulus High School students who took extra classes at Belleville High School this summer included: (from left) front – Albert Duncan, Amber Netter, and Melissa Smith; back – Carl Swanigan and Russ Bryant. By getting some of their requirements out of the way, the students have freed up their schedules to take classes of interest to them this fall.



State Representative Hoon-Yung Hopgood (second from right) stopped in at the Romulus/Van Buren Adult & Community Education Center to discuss education issues with (from left) student Ebony Huguley, Adult Education director Sharman Spieser, student Richard Littler, and teacher Rob Geyer-Sylvia.



IR specialist Tina Smith (back, left) and social worker Renee Kish (back, right) were proud of Merriman's peer mediators, including: (from left) front – Damien Hunter and Clara Turner; back – Demetri Clayton, Ryan Bell, Kazam Sheikh, Danielle Doyle, and Semaja Ford.



Social worker Renee Kish (back) congratulated Merriman peer mediators (from left) Natasa Campbell, Nantara Sheikh, Richie Denny, and Eric Radford, who showed parents how they resolve student disputes through the presentation of a skit they created.



At the July 28 meeting of the Romulus Board of Education, media tech Jennifer Madison gave an outstanding PowerPoint presentation about how staff members at Merriman Elementary School support each other and celebrate their educational experiences.



Celebrating the successful completion of another summer session of Driver Education were Joel R. Carr (fourth from left), superintendent of Romulus Community Schools, and instructors (from left) Ross Rhinehart, Dr. Richard Locke, Rod Hanna, Tom Meyer, and Stefanie Carpenter.

Sponsors Thanked



Youngsters taking part in the Summer Recreation Program at Halecreek Elementary – as well as the Romulus Middle School students who volunteer there – have been enjoying free daily lunches thanks to generous donations from five local businesses.



The lunch sponsors include Isis Coney Island, Little Caesars Pizza, Top Shelf Party Store, Subway, and Hungry Howie's Pizza.



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Girls' Basketball Camp at RHS Was a Big Summer Success



Among those who participated in the Romulus Girls' Basketball Camp this summer were: (from left) front — Dayna Hearod, Jessica Brown, Brianna Shreve, and Courtney Kennedy; middle — Aurielle McCauley, Brandi McCloud, Caylin Dolan, Katrina Dowdy, Chelsea Earby, Erika Wasson, and head coach Rhonda McAllister-Henry; back — assistant coaches Candice Findlay and Kevin McAllister.

A recent girls' basketball camp held in the field house at Romulus High School turned out to be a big success, according to RHS girls' basketball coach Rhonda McAllister-Henry, who conducted the program. In all, 40 young ladies took part in the week-long camp.

Assistant coaches Candice Findlay and Kevin McAllister worked with McAllister-Henry, who kept the girls busy honing a variety of skills.

Coach McAllister-Henry was especially pleased with a new device that retrieved both made and missed shots, and also kept track of each girl's shooting percentage.

"Our players could shoot 100 shots in approximately 4 minutes, and this really helped develop their shooting skills," she said.

At the end of the camp, McAllister-

Henry announced the names of players who received awards for outstanding performance. The awardees were:

- Erika Wasson (most valuable player)
- Chelsea Earby (best defensive player)
- Jessica Brown ("hot shot" award, grades 3-6)
- Brianna Shreve (1-on-1 award, grades 3-6)
- LaShawnda Booker (free-throw award, grades 3-6)
- Caylin Dolan ("hot shot" award, grades 7-9; free-throw award, grades 7-9)
- Jasmine Brown (1-on-1 award, grades 7-9)

Two-time award-winner Dolan is the daughter of district curriculum director Tom Dolan, and a star performer on her AAU team from Ann Arbor. □



Also participating in this summer's Romulus Girls' Basketball Camp were (from left) Aurielle McCauley, Alysa Long, Yetty Emanuel, Ashley Lately, and Akara Stovall.

Pregnancy Prevention Group Meets



The public is invited to attend the next meeting of the Romulus Teen Pregnancy Prevention Partnership, to be held at Romulus Fire Station #4 (28777 Eureka) at 7 p.m. on August 20. Among those who took part in an earlier meeting were: (from left) front – Linda Schilk (Hegira), Lorraine Wagner (Romulus Help Center), Celeste Roscoe (Romulus Board of Education), Sheila Stasak (Healthy Living Committee), and Florence Klein (Helping Hand); back – Jay Connor (Collaboration for Community Support), Rev. William Kren (Community United Methodist Church), Judge Brian A. Oakley (34th District Court), Rev. Ronald Arthur (Springhill Baptist Church), and Debbie Dick (parent).

Laughing It Up at the Romulus Library

Shelley Delano, children's librarian at the Romulus Public Library, was pleased with success of a summer reading program for youths. In all, she said, 148 children from Romulus, Huron Township, and surrounding areas took part in the event, reading for a total of 90,805 minutes during their vacation break.

According to Delano, the annual reading program also features weekly presentations related to the program's theme. Special appearances by the Romulus Police Department's K-9 Unit, as well as magician Jason Hudy and one-man circus "Zeemo," reflected this year's theme, "Laugh It Up at Your Library." Other presentations taught young readers about subjects as diverse as yoga, nutrition, and bicycle safety.

The weekly programs were sponsored by the Friends of the Romulus Public Library and the Huron Rotary Club. Prizes and incentives were purchased with money donated by the Romulus Rotary and the Greater Romulus Chamber of Commerce.

During the annual reading wrap-up party, children enjoyed pizza and soft drinks (donated by McDonalds on Wayne Road) as well as presentations of certificates and prizes. A "guess the number of gadgets in the window" contest was won by Jeremy Summitt of New Boston.

Altogether, 55 children read (or were read to) for at least 15 hours this summer. Andrea Hay of Romulus read the most – a total of 115 hours!

Other readers were: Adrienne Anderson, Ashleigh Anderson, Ian Bacic, Brian Barron, Renee Barron, Luke Blum, Alexander Brosseau, Nicholas Brosseau, Andrew Burcroff, Emily Burcroff, Alexis Caincross, Shelby Cady, Ciera Crout, David Forbush, Joseph Forbush, Stanley Gadille, Alyssa Garland, Tyler Garland, Aaron Hayse, Andrew Hayse, David Hayse, Laura Hayse, Sarah Hayse, Alexei Helton, Anastasia Helton, Nicholas Helton, Felicia Jansen, Katie Jansen, Rachel Jansen, Glenn Johnson, Caitlyn Kalinovik, Emily Kalinovik, Tommy McKinney, Kristina Macek, Megan Macek, Donovan Moomaw, Matthew Moomaw, Dakota Offman, Dylan Offman, Wyatt Offman, Melissa Peterson, Claire Piesiak, Cody Salajan, Kyle Salajan, Daijah Street, Drew Summitt, Jeremy Summitt, Lauren Summitt, Jacob Turek, Jonathan Turek, Jordan Turek, Joshua Turek, Alex Wayt, and Alyssa Wayt.

A good time was had by all, said Delano, who expressed her thanks to both the participants and the program sponsors.

In the meantime, she added, the library is partnering with Ringling Bros. and Barnum & Bailey so that children can earn prizes and passes to the circus this fall. For details, visit the library (located at 11121 South Wayne Road, next to Romulus City Hall) during its summer business hours (Monday through Thursday, 10 a.m. to 8 p.m.; Friday, 12 to 5 p.m.), or call 734-942-7589. □

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4th Grade	2 Spaces Available
5th Grade	2 Spaces Available

Renton Junior High

(734) 782-2483

6th Grade	6 Spaces Available
7th Grade	15 Spaces Available
8th Grade	15 Spaces Available

Huron High School

(734) 782-1436

9th-12th Grade 10 Spaces Each

Sunnyside Kindergarten Center

(734) 782-1162

Young Fives	15 Spaces
Regular Kindergarten	10 Spaces

Miller Elementary School

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- Deadline for application: August 13, 2003
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Hopgood Sees First Bill Pass House

State Representative Hoon-Yung Hopgood (D-Taylor/Romulus) announced that a bill he introduced – one adding veterans who served in the Korean Conflict to the list of those eligible to receive their high-school diplomas under Michigan law – has unanimously passed the Michigan House of Representatives.

"Last session, the legislature passed, and the governor signed, a very worthwhile bill that honored our World War II veterans by granting diplomas to those who entered the armed forces before graduating from high school," said Hopgood. "Unfortunately, the brave men and women who made the same sacrifice during the Korean Conflict were overlooked. I'm glad my House colleagues agreed with me that it's time to correct this oversight."

Under Public Act 181 of 2001, qualified World War II veterans who did not receive their high-school diploma are eligible to receive it if they meet the following criteria:

- The veteran must be at least 65 years of age, if living, or have attained the age of 65 years, if deceased.
- The veteran must have enlisted in or been drafted into the armed forces during World War II between December 16, 1940, and December 31, 1946.
- At the time that he/she was drafted into or enlisted in the armed forces, the veteran must have been enrolled in a high school in the school district to which the application is made.
- The veteran must have served under honorable conditions during World War II.

Hopgood's bill, HB 4613, amends the current law by including military service during the Korean Conflict (between June 27, 1950, and January 31, 1955), and military service under honorable conditions during the Korean Conflict.

The bill is now before the Michigan Senate for consideration. □

New Drunk-driving Law Will Save Lives, \$11.5 Million in Highway Funding

A new Michigan law that lowers the legal Blood Alcohol Content (BAC) level from .10 to .08 will save the State \$11.5 million in highway funding and also save as many as 600 lives nationwide.

Signed by Governor Jennifer Granholm on July 15, the .08 BAC law lowers the legal threshold at which a driver is considered intoxicated. The new law, which takes effect on September 30, meets federal requirements for a .08 BAC standard and averts a 2% noncompliance penalty to be levied against highway construction funds after October 1.

Michigan joins 39 other states, the District of Columbia, and Puerto Rico by adopting the federal .08 BAC standard.

"This is an all-win situation, and AAA applauds the governor and state legislature for working together to achieve this significant milestone," said Richard J. Miller, manager of Community Safety Services for AAA Michigan. "Recent studies have shown that lowering the BAC level for drunk driving to .08 can and does reduce the number of alcohol-related crashes and fatalities."

According to the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA), .08 BAC laws "had an 8% effect in reducing fatal crashes involv-

ing drivers at both high BACs and lower BACs, and resulted in 275 fewer fatalities in the 16 states where they were in effect in 1997."

NHTSA estimates that between 500 and 600 additional lives could be saved if all 50 states adopted BAC laws.

Failure to adopt a .08 BAC law by October 1, 2003, will result in 2% of federal highway funds being withheld from the noncomplying state for fiscal year 2004, with increases of 2% for each following year of noncompliance, up to a maximum of 8%. By beating the federal deadline, Michigan saved \$11.5 million in 2004.

According to the Senate Fiscal Agency, the .08 BAC criminal penalties for operating while intoxicated would be the same as the current penalties for OUIL or operating with a BAC of .10 or more, except that the bill would increase the fine amounts and convert some of the community-service requirements from days to hours.

According to the 2002 Michigan Annual Drunk Driving Audit, 8,954 persons were injured and 358 were killed in 15,209 alcohol-related crashes that year.

In 2002, there were a total of 57,789 alcohol-related arrests and 57,542 convictions. □

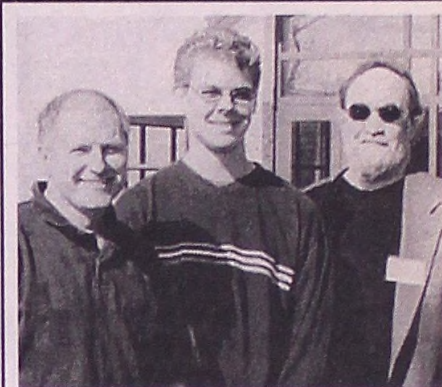
Student Wins Grand Nationals

Romulus High School student Jeremy Linderman recently won the High School Grand Nationals at Milan Dragway. Linderman had to win six consecutive races driving his brother's Mustang in order to achieve his first-place title.

According to Dick Kruse, spokesperson for the Romulus Community Schools, student cars have to be completely stock for the High School Grand Nationals, and must achieve certain pre-set race conditions. Important elements include starting reaction time, speed at designated intervals (100, 200, and 300 yards), speed at the finish, and total elapsed time.

Linderman said that it was really thrilling to win.

"The races went so fast [13.1 seconds] that they seemed to be over just



Jeremy Linderman (center) was congratulated by RHS auto lab teacher Bob McLain (left) and curriculum director Tom Dolan.

after they started," he explained.

Linderman achieved a top speed of 101.9 miles per hour in his fastest race.

ROMULUS COMMUNITY SCHOOLS

36540 Grant Road, Romulus, Michigan 48174

STATUTORY MEETING, JULY 14, 2003

The Statutory Meeting of the Romulus Board of Education held on Monday, July 14, 2003, was called to order at 6:15 p.m. by Mr. Joel R. Carr, Superintendent.

Roll call showed all Board members present.

Pledge of Allegiance was led by Mr. Carr.

ORGANIZATION OF BOARD:

Mr. Joel R. Carr, Superintendent, asked for nominations.

Nominations Opened for the Office of President

Moved by Buckley supported by Frayer to nominate member Lenossi. There being no other nominations, the nomination for the Office of President was closed. Member Lenossi elected President unanimously.

Nominations Opened for the Office of Vice-president

Moved by Woods supported by Lenossi to nominate member Buckley. There being no other nominations, the nomination for the Office of Vice-president was closed. Member Buckley elected Vice-president unanimously.

Nominations Opened for the Office of Secretary

Moved by Woods supported by Buckley to nominate member Frayer. There being no other nominations, the nomination for the Office of Secretary was closed. Member Frayer elected Secretary unanimously.

Nominations Opened for the Office of Treasurer

Moved by Lenossi supported by Frayer to nominate member Woods. There being no other nominations, the nomination for the Office of Treasurer was closed. Member Woods elected Treasurer unanimously.

DESIGNATION OF DEPOSITORIES:

7/03/1 Moved by Lenossi supported by Mientkiewicz that the Board of Education name Comerica and National City to continue as depositories, and that the President, Vice-president, Secretary, Treasurer, and Superintendent of Schools continue to have the authority to sign authorizing documents requiring two of the five actual signatures or facsimile signatures. Ayes: 7. Nays: 0. Motion carried.

SCHEDULE OF MEETINGS:

7/03/2 Moved by Woods supported by Roscoe that the Board of Education schedule their meetings on the second and fourth Monday of each month at 6:30 p.m. for the 2003/2004 school year. Ayes: 7. Nays: 0. Motion carried.

NAMING OF AUDITOR:

7/03/3 Moved by Mientkiewicz supported by Roscoe that the Board of Education employ the firm of Post, Smythe, Lutz, and Ziel to act as auditors for the Board of Education for the 2003/2004 school year. Ayes: 7. Nays: 0. Motion carried.

NAMING OF ATTORNEYS:

7/03/4 Moved by Frayer supported by White that the Board of Education employ the firms of Keller, Thoma P.C. and Thrun, Maatsch & Nordberg to act as attorneys for the Board of Education for the 2003/2004 school year. Ayes: 7. Nays: 0. Motion carried.

ADOPTION OF PREVIOUS POLICIES:

7/03/5 Moved by Frayer supported by Buckley that the Board of Education adopt the existing policies of the Romulus Community Schools. Ayes: 7. Nays: 0. Motion carried.

ADJOURNMENT:

7/03/6 Moved by Mientkiewicz supported by Frayer that the meeting be adjourned. Ayes: 7. Nays: 0. Motion carried.

The meeting was adjourned at 6:29 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
April Frayer, Secretary
Romulus Board of Education

Merriman Elementary Hosts Appreciation Brunch for Parents



Merriman Elementary held an appreciation brunch to honor the dedicated parents whose volunteer efforts support the school's many programs. Attendees included: (from left) front – Pam Nowicki, Shannon Cholette, Debbie Chasse, Terri New, Lilly Delaney, and Susan Molic; back – Lisa Litner, Pat McLaughlin, Myrera Sanchez, and Makida Griffin.



Also attending the appreciation brunch were: (from left) front – Christy Smith, Frazier Thompson, Theresa Knick, and Robert Knick; back – Jean Burke, Scott Blair, Ronald Battle, Theresa Barrios, Margaret Lewis, Toi Alexander, Ronda Luttmann, Jennifer Segur, Debbie Chasse, Monica Kowalski, Jenna Blair, and Scottie Blair.

ROMULUS COMMUNITY SCHOOLS

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REGULAR MEETING, JULY 14, 2003

The Regular Meeting of the Romulus Board of Education held on Monday, July 14, 2003, was called to order at 6:30 p.m. by President Betty Lenossi.

Roll call showed all Board members present. Mr. Joel R. Carr, Superintendent; Mr. Thomas Dolan, Director of Curriculum; and Mr. William Routhier, Director of Business and Operations, were present. Mr. Edward Clark, Director of Human Resources, was excused.

Pledge of Allegiance was led by President Lenossi.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA:

7/03/7 Moved by Roscoe supported by Buckley to approve the Agenda as presented. Ayes: 7. Nays: 0. Motion carried.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING:

7/03/8 Moved by Buckley supported by Roscoe that the Board approve the Minutes of the Regular Meeting of June 23, 2003, as presented. Ayes: 7. Nays: 0. Motion carried.

7/03/9 Moved by Mientkiewicz supported by Buckley that the Board approve the Minutes of the Special Meeting of June 26, 2003, as amended. Ayes: 7. Nays: 0. Motion carried.

REPORT OF THE SUPERINTENDENT:

Personnel Actions

Mr. Joel R. Carr, Superintendent, offered the following personnel actions for approval.

RESIGNATION: Lee Haselschwerdt, 4th-grade Teacher, Wick Elementary, Effective July 8, 2003; and Brian McCalister, Language Arts Teacher, Middle School, Effective July 2, 2003.

7/03/10 Moved by Mientkiewicz supported by Frayer to accept the resignation of personnel as presented by Mr. Joel R. Carr, Superintendent. Ayes: 7. Nays: 0. Motion carried.

RETIREMENT: Eleonore Wilmott, Secretary, High School, Effective June 13, 2003.

7/03/11 Moved by Woods supported by White to accept the retirement of personnel as presented by Mr. Joel R. Carr, Superintendent. Ayes: 7. Nays: 0. Motion carried.

Bills for Payment

7/03/12 Moved by Frayer supported by Buckley that the Board approve the Bills for Payment as presented by Mr. William A. Routhier, Director of Business and Operations. Ayes: 7. Nays: 0. Motion carried.

Ratification of RASA Contract

7/03/13 Moved by Frayer supported by Buckley that the Board of Education ratify the agreement with RASA for the 2003–2004, 2004–2005, and 2005–2006 school years. Ayes: 7. Nays: 0. Motion carried.

Ratification of AFSCME Local 1917 Contract

7/03/14 Moved by Frayer supported by Roscoe that the Board of Education ratify the agreement with AFSCME Local 1917 for the 2003–2004, 2004–2005, and 2005–2006 school years. Ayes: 7. Nays: 0. Motion carried.

Award of Food Service Bid

7/03/15 Moved by Woods supported by Buckley that the Board of Education approve Sodexo (Marriott) for their low bid of \$1.057 per meal for the food service management contract for 2003–2004 school year. Ayes: 7. Nays: 0. Motion carried.

Linda Redmond addressed the Board concerning issues of change in cafeteria management services.

Adoption of Resolution for Guidance and Counseling Program

7/03/16 Moved by Frayer supported by Buckley that the Board of Education adopt the attached Resolution for Romulus Community Schools Comprehensive Guidance and Counseling Program inclusive of four major components – including the Guidance Curriculum, Individ-

ual Student Planning Sessions, Responsive Services to Students, and Systems Support – as outlined in the State of Michigan Counseling Model. Ayes: 7. Nays: 0. Motion carried.

District Memberships

7/03/17 Moved by Frayer supported by White to accept the recommendation of Mr. Joel R. Carr, Superintendent, and join the Michigan Association of School Boards at a cost of \$5,379.00 for the 2003–2004 school year. Ayes: 7. Nays: 0. Motion carried.

7/03/18 Moved by Mientkiewicz supported by Frayer that the Board of Education accept the recommendation of Mr. Joel R. Carr, Superintendent, and join the Metropolitan Detroit Bureau of School Studies for the 2003–2004 school year at a cost of \$1,977.45. Ayes: 7. Nays: 0. Motion carried.

7/03/19 Moved by Mientkiewicz supported by Buckley that the Board of Education accept the recommendation of Mr. Joel R. Carr, Superintendent, and join the Michigan High School Athletic Association for the 2003–2004 school year. Ayes: 7. Nays: 0. Motion carried.

7/03/20 Moved by White supported by Woods that the Board accept the recommendation of Mr. Joel R. Carr, Superintendent, and join Middle Cities Education Association for the 2003–2004 school year at a cost of \$6,525.00. Ayes: 7. Nays: 0. Motion carried.

Committee Appointment

Board members are to let President Betty Lenossi know of their interests for serving on various Board committees. Appointments will be made at the next meeting.

Communications and Expressions from the Public

There were no communications from the public.

Items of Interest from the Superintendent

Mr. Joel R. Carr, Superintendent, shared the following items of interest with members of the Board of Education: 1) RHS Annual Report; 2) Barth Annual Report; and 3) Article – Public Schools Left Behind.

QUESTIONS AND/OR CONCERNS OF BOARD MEMBERS:

Mr. Kenneth Mientkiewicz remarked that the article "Public Schools Left Behind" was very informative. Mrs. Betty Lenossi remarked on the annual reports received. Mr. Michael Woods expressed concern about percentages in testing at Romulus High School as reported in the annual report. Mrs. Niema White expressed concern over the increase in referrals at Barth Elementary as reported in the annual report.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

7/03/21 Moved by Mientkiewicz supported by Roscoe that the Board of Education convene into Executive Session. Roll call vote: White, Mientkiewicz, Roscoe, Woods, Buckley, Frayer, and Lenossi. Ayes: 7. Nays: 0. Motion carried.

The Board convened into Executive Session at 7:17 p.m.

7/03/22 Moved by Mientkiewicz supported by Buckley to reconvene into regular session. Roll call vote: White, Mientkiewicz, Roscoe, Woods, Buckley, Frayer, and Lenossi. Ayes: 7. Nays: 0. Motion carried.

The Board reconvened into Regular Session at 7:30 p.m.

ADJOURNMENT:

7/03/23 Moved by Roscoe supported by White to adjourn. Ayes: 7. Nays: 0. Motion carried.

The meeting adjourned at 7:31 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
April Frayer, Secretary, Romulus Board of Education

Head Start Seeks Applications for Fall

The Romulus Head Start program is currently enrolling eligible three- and four-year-old children for the 2003-2004 school year.

This free program, conducted at the Lorena Burton Center (formerly Beverly School), serves children from limited-income families, children with handicapping conditions, and foster children.

To register, stop in at the Burton Center (35408 Beverly Road) any weekday (except holidays) between 8 and 3:30 p.m. The registration pro-

cess takes about 45 minutes.

Please note that the person completing the registration process must have the following items at the time of sign-up: the parent's Social Security card, the child's Social Security card, proof of residency, a list of emergency contacts, income verification (W-2 or FIA budget breakdown), the child's birth certificate, the child's immunization records, health-insurance information, and doctor/dentist information.

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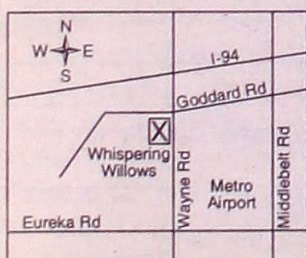
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Sassy Seniors

By Mary E. Clark

Special thanks to Linda Norman, Senior Citizens Program Coordinator for the City of Romulus Department of Parks and Recreation, for contributing information to this issue's "Sassy Seniors" column.

(For more information about events at the Romulus Senior Center, located at 36515 Bibbins, call the Center's new telephone number: 734-955-4120.)

Sign Up for the Senior Newsletter

The Romulus Senior Center is currently updating its mailing list for the monthly *Communicator* newsletter. To continue receiving the free newsletter (if you're already a subscriber), or to begin receiving it for the first time, just call the Center.

Fishing Trip

The Romulus Senior Center has organized a fishing trip for Wednesday, August 27. A cost of just \$8 per person covers transportation (departing from the Senior Center at 9:30 a.m.), admission, and a picnic lunch. Additional fees will be charged for each trout (\$4.99 per pound; \$.30 per fish for cleaning) and catfish (\$4.49 per pound; \$.50 per fish for cleaning) caught.

Please note that fish *cannot* be thrown back in.

Yoga Class

The Romulus Senior Center has scheduled six classes of "Hatha Yoga" to be held each Monday at 10 a.m. beginning on September 8. The program – which will focus on flexibility, relaxation, gentle movements, and breathing – is open to everyone. There are no physical restrictions, since each person's program is geared toward his/her individual abilities. Just sign up, then show up wearing comfortable clothing!

Cost per each one-hour class is \$7 (payable at registration). Preregistration is required.

Travel Show

Your Man Tours will be at the Senior Center at 10 a.m. on Monday, August 11, to talk about upcoming trips to exciting destinations, including the Rose Bowl and the Caribbean islands. Be sure to stop in for this informative program.

Fun Fest 2003

Be sure to mark your calendars for Friday, August 15, because you won't want to miss Fun Fest 2003's many, many attractions, including ongoing entertainment, lunch and dinner offerings, prize drawings, and massages, as well as legal services, a mini health screening, and hearing/vision/glaucoma/cataracts screenings.

The program will be held at the Romulus Senior Center between 9 a.m. and 8 p.m.

This special event is a joint effort between Linda Norman, senior-citizen program coordinator for the City of Romulus, and Melissa Morton, manager of the Romulus Tower senior-citizen apartment building.

Senior Day at the Michigan State Fair

The Senior Center's van will be traveling to the Michigan State Fairgrounds on Monday, August 25, for "Senior Day at the Fair." Admission will be free for people age 60 and older. Space is limited; sign up now to reserve your seat.

Senior Crafters Wanted

The Romulus Senior Center is looking for senior citizens who would like to take part in the Center's craft show during the annual Romulus Pumpkin Festival, set for September 19-21. Although there is no charge for a table, space is limited, so early registration is strongly encouraged.

Movie in the Park

The Romulus Senior Center invites you to gather up a carload of family members or friends and come out to Elmer Johnson Park on Friday, August 15, to enjoy a movie in the park. Parking is \$2 per vehicle; admission for the family-oriented movie (title and time to be announced) is free. Refreshments will be available for sale. Bring a blanket or lawn chair to sit on.

Shopping

For a transportation fee of just \$1.50, Romulus seniors can ride the Center's van to shop at Farmer Jack/Wal-Mart on Monday, August 11, or Kmart on Monday, August 18. All departure times are 9:30 a.m. Sign up at the Center.

Lunch Out

Join old and new friends for lunch at Hope's Fish & Chips on Friday, August 22. Cost is \$1.50 for transportation, plus the price of your meal. Sign up at the Center to reserve your space.

Ask the Attorney

Local attorney Steve Robinson's monthly "Ask the Attorney" program – a free consultation service for Romulus senior citizens – has been scheduled for 3 to 5 p.m. on Tuesday, August 12, at the Center. Walk-ins (36515 Bibbins) and call-ins (734-955-4120) are welcome.

Computers, Internet Service Available

Just a reminder that senior citizens who need access to a computer to learn or practice new skills may use the computers at the Romulus Senior Center, free of charge. Internet service is also available. Appointments are advised. □

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Community Calendar

- **School Board Meetings on Channel 19** – Regular meetings of the Romulus Community Schools Board of Education, held on the second and fourth Monday of each month, are broadcast on cable channel 19 the following Thursday at 7:30 p.m., Saturday at 1 p.m., and Sunday at 6 p.m.
- **Local Businesses Host Weekly "Cruise Night" Events** – Come out for old-fashioned "Cruise Night" fun throughout the summer outside Walter's Bar/Romulus Lanes (located at 37452 Huron River Drive) each Wednesday beginning at 6 p.m. (co-sponsored by Romulus Auto Supply), and at Blue Sky Ice Cream and Hamburgers (15155 Huron River Drive) every Thursday starting at 5 p.m. All are welcome.
- **Jones Sub Reunion** – Everyone is invited to celebrate the 62nd anniversary of the American Progressive Association at the annual Jones Sub Reunion, to be held at Thomas J. Coleman Community Center (35351 Beverly Road, Romulus) the weekend of August 8–10. Events will begin at 4 p.m. on Friday with a "meet and greet." Saturday's schedule, which begins at noon, will feature a picnic (bring your own food, or share refreshments that will be provided) and DJ music by Crocket. Sunday's highlight will be a gospel choir celebration, also set for noon. Children's games are scheduled throughout. Be sure to bring your lawn chairs! Call 734-722-0611 for info.
- **Kentuckians Host Annual Picnic** – The Kentuckians of Michigan will host their 43rd annual all-day picnic – featuring a variety of live bluegrass and country music, as well as delicious home-style cooking – at Liberty Park (located at 28391 Bredow Road in Romulus) on Sunday, August 10, beginning at 8 a.m. Performers will include Eddie Adkins & the Southerners, Bobby Hutch & Grand Ole Country, Larry Webster & the Mule Band (from Pikeville, KY), the Kentucky Bluebirds, Fragment (on tour from the Czech Republic), Wendy Smith & Blue Velvet, Northern Star Dancers, and more. Keith Jason from WSDS-AM radio will be on hand to act as emcee. An invocation featuring singing by The Boggs Family and a service conducted by Reverend Johnnie Jones will be held from 10 to 11:30 a.m. Winners of the "Kentucky King/Father and Queen/Mother," "Newest Married Couple," "Longest Married Couple," and "Youngest Baby" contests will receive their awards at 2:30 p.m. Still other attractions include a garage sale; friendly games of horseshoes, volleyball, and other sports; 50/50 raffles; and kiddie fun such as face painting, 3-legged races, and clowns. Admission (which does not include the cost of the breakfast buffet or country dinner buffet) is \$6 per person; \$10 for RVs. For more information, call 734-782-0132.
- **Movie in the Park** – The City of Romulus Department of Parks and Recreation invites you to load up a car full of family members and friends and come out to Elmer Johnson Park on Friday, August 15, to enjoy a family-oriented movie. Parking is \$2 per vehicle; admission is free. Refreshments will be offered for sale. Bring a blanket or lawn chair to sit on. For more information, including show time and movie title, call 734-942-6852.
- **Chamber To Host Golf Outing** – The Greater Romulus Chamber of Commerce will host its annual golf-outing fund-raiser at Woodlands of Van Buren Golf Course (39670 Ecorse Road, Wayne) on Thursday, August 21. The day will start with registration, a continental breakfast, and time on the practice range beginning at 7:30 a.m., followed by an 8:30 a.m. shotgun start. A banquet – featuring awards and prizes – is planned for 2:30 p.m. Cost is \$120 per person. Space is limited; register early. No registrations accepted after Friday, August 8. For more info, call the Chamber: 734-326-4290.
- **St. Aloysius Plans Benefit Golf Outing** – St. Aloysius Catholic School's Usher Club will host its first annual golf-outing fund-raiser at Shady Hollow Golf Course on Thursday, September 11. An \$85-per-person cost covers golf (4-person scramble; 9 a.m. shotgun start), cart, dinner, prizes. Contact Steve Kertez (734-753-4379), Chuck Shonta (734-941-0503), Steve Weatherholt (734-502-0100), or Gil White (734-941-1214) for more information.
- **Head Start Seeks Enrollment** – The Romulus Head Start program is currently enrolling eligible three- and four-year-old children for the 2003–2004 school year. This free program, held at the Lorena Burton Center (formerly Beverly School), serves children from limited-income families, handicapped children, and foster children. Call 734-532-1900 for information.

To place information in our next issue's Community Calendar, mail it to "the little paper" at P.O. Box 74038, Romulus, MI 48174-0038; FAX it to us at 734-992-2052; or call 734-941-1907

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Attach any additional information concerning the wedding or engagement to this form.

Obituaries

Dennis M. James

Dennis M. James of Romulus, Michigan, passed away on Monday, July 28, 2003, at the age of 55.

Dennis was born in Ypsilanti, Michigan, on Thursday, March 4, 1948. The Huron-Clinton Metropolitan Authority and Detroit Police Department retiree was a member of the Police Officers Association of Michigan, and also worked as both a snow-ski instructor and a lifeguard. He was an avid horseman and an accomplished swimmer.

Surviving Dennis are a sister, Sherra James-Lowry (Romulus); a half-brother, David James (GA); and a half-sister, Adrienne James-Brandt (Redford, MI).

His parents, Fred and Marion (Koesler) James, preceded him in death.

A funeral service was held Friday, August 1, at Crane Funeral Home (Romulus), with the Reverend William Kren (Community United Methodist Church, Romulus) officiating. Cremation rites were accorded.

"Obituaries" notices are a community service that "the little paper" provides to Romulus families at no charge. Call 734-941-1907.

David L. McCrory

David L. McCrory of Romulus, Michigan, passed away on Saturday, August 2, 2003, at the age of 71.

A native of Washington, Pennsylvania, David was born on Thursday, June 16, 1932. He served his country in the U.S. Air Force during the Korean Conflict, and retired as a supervisor with the Wayne County Road Commission after 31 years of employment.

David was an active member of the Romulus Rotary Club, the Romulus Pumpkin Festival Committee, and the Romulus Veterans' Memorial Committee, and was also a NASCAR fan who went to Florida each year for racing events. He especially enjoyed being around people and visiting with his many friends.

Among those surviving David are his 6 children, Kevin C. (Tracey) McCrory (Garfield Heights, OH), Keith C. (Mary)

McCrory (Del Rio, TX), Shannon R. (Larry) Akers (Lincoln Park, MI), Tom (Barb) McCloskey (Howell, MI), Mike (Deb) McCloskey (New Boston, MI), and Gail (Don) Teno (New Boston); 2 brothers, Fred P. (Karen) Gamber (Monroe, MI) and Dan C. (Marie) Gamber (Romulus); and 6 grandchildren, Justin McCrory, Lyndsay (Brian) Smock, Erik Teno, Rachel Probega, Megan Probega, and Gabrielle Probega.

Predeceasing him were his father, James Kenneth McCrory; his mother, Ola D. (Bell) Gamber; and his stepfather, Frank P. Gamber.

A funeral service was held Tuesday, August 5, at Crane Funeral Home (Romulus), with the Reverend William Kren (Community United Methodist Church, Romulus) officiating. Cremation rites were accorded. Interment was at Michigan Memorial Park (Flat Rock, MI).

Ann C. Rakotz

Ann C. Rakotz of Romulus, Michigan, passed away on Tuesday, July 22, 2003, at the age of 89.

Ann was born in Lake Henry, Minnesota, on Saturday, July 26, 1913. A widowed mother who raised 8 boys on her own, she worked as a cook at Romulus High School. Besides making beautiful quilts for her grandchildren and great-grandchildren, she enjoyed gardening and bowling with the local senior-citizens group. Her family was an important part of her life, and caring for her grandchildren brought her much joy.

Surviving Ann are 6 sons, Melvin (Shirley) Rakotz (Belleville, MI), Eugene (Claudette) Rakotz (New Boston, MI), Ralph (Billie) Rakotz (New Boston), Hubert (Carol) Rakotz (Phoenix, AZ), David (Judy) Rakotz (Saline, MI), and Richard (Carol) Rakotz (Romulus); a

brother, Mike (Theresa) Schulte (Little Falls, MN); 2 sisters, Theresa Hammer (St. Paul, MN) and Rose (Norb) Determan (Clearwater, MN); 15 grandchildren; 27 great-grandchildren; and a great-great-grandson.

Those who preceded her in death included her parents, Bernard and Margaret (Schrummel) Schulte; her husband, Hubert Rakotz (1949); 2 sons, Leroy Rakotz (1956) and Ronald Rakotz (1970); a brother, Bill Schulte; and 4 sisters, Helen Milner, Polly Eddy, Loretta Reller, and Marie Newbeck.

A funeral service was held Saturday, July 26, at St. Aloysius Catholic Church (Romulus), with Father Festus Ejimadu officiating. Interment was at Michigan Memorial Park (Flat Rock, MI). Arrangements were made by Crane Funeral Home (Romulus).

Marjorie E. Taylor

Marjorie E. Taylor of Belleville, Michigan, passed away on Thursday, July 24, 2003, at the age of 79.

Marjorie was born in Mobile, Alabama, on Monday, September 24, 1923. A General Motors Assembly employee for more than 25 years before her eventual retirement, she was a member of United Auto Workers Local #1776 and a former member of the Order of the Eastern Star.

Surviving Marjorie are 4 children, Joseph E. (Henrietta) Taylor (Romulus, MI), Peggy Ann Dowling (Belleville), Jerry E. (Carmen) Taylor (Ypsilanti, MI), and

Ronald T. Taylor (Belleville); 9 grandchildren, 11 great-grandchildren, and 1 great-great-grandchild.

Among those who preceded her in death were her husband, Earl J. Taylor (September 8, 1982); her parents; and 6 brothers and sisters.

A funeral service was held Monday, July 28, at David C. Brown Funeral Home (Belleville), with Pastor Robert J. White officiating. Interment was at Hillside Cemetery (Belleville).

Memorial contributions to C.S. Mott Children's Hospital (Ann Arbor, MI) would be greatly appreciated by the family. □

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Christa Rae Evans



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Ryan Evans and Jaime Doherty of Romulus, Michigan, are proud to announce the birth of their new daughter, Christa Rae Evans.

Christa was born in University of Michigan Hospital (Ann Arbor) at 11:25 a.m. on Wednesday, July 9, 2003, weighing 9 lbs., 9 oz., and measuring 22" in length.

Among those giving the new arrival a warm and loving welcome into their family were her paternal grandparents, Richard and Joyce Evans (Romulus), and her maternal grandparents, Richard and Sandy Doherty (Canton, MI).

Alexzandria Jane Patton

Proudly announcing the birth of their new daughter, Alexzandria Jane Patton, are Alexander James Patton and Mariah Jane Bogard of Canton, Michigan.

Alexzandria — a fourth-generation "Jane" — was born in University of Michigan Hospital (Ann Arbor) at 8:48 a.m. on Tuesday, July 8, 2003, weighing 8 lbs., 1 oz., and measuring 19" in length.

Among those giving the new arrival a warm and loving welcome into their family were her paternal grandparents, Dan and Mary Patton (New London, OH), and her maternal grandparents, Don and Lanah Jane Harris (Romulus, MI). □



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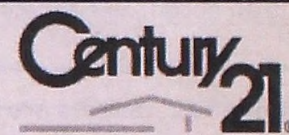
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